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SUBJECT: US-USSR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE:
THIRD ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP MEETING AND RELATED
EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES

DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR BELL, US-USSR SECRETARIAT,
EUROPEAN AREA OFFICER

REF: (A) STATE 206305; (B) TOFAS 196; (C) STATE 211103

1. AGATTACHE HAS RECEIVED AGENDA FOR THIRD ECONOMIC
WORKING GROUP MEETING (REF A). SOVIET SIDE HAS ACCEPTED
US SIDE SUGGESTIONS TO SEPARATE AND SIMULTANEOUS SMALL
GROUP DISCUSSIONS. SOVIET SIDE HAS ALSO ADDED A SESSION
WITH GOSPLAN FOR THE US SIDE. COPY OF AGENDA WILL BE
CABLED NEXT WEEK.

2. PRE CONFERENCE TOUR WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 1 A AND INCLUDES
DISCUSSIONS WITH UKRAINIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND
GOSPLAN AS WELL AS VISITS TO LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
COMPLEXES.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO TEAM AND ATTACHE REQUEST, LIVESTOCK
REPRODUCTION, NUTRITION AND GENETICS TEAM WILL VISIT

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT PROCESSING PLANT IN MOSCOW
(REF B). ATTACHE WILL ACCOMPANY.

4. ATTACHE VISITED MARKET RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, ON SEPTEMBER 19 TO DISCUSSU RESEARCH ACTIVITIES ON COMMODITIES. INSTITUTE RECEIVES CURRENT USDA COMMODITY STUDIES. FUNCTION IS TO RESEARCH WORLD SITUATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE.

5. ATTACHE ALSO PRESENTED RECENT FAS ARTICLE ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TO HEAD OF DEPARTMENT, SERGI SAFRONOV, AND WAS ADVISED THAT SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE TO THIRD PREPARATORY MEETING, Y.V. VASILYEVA, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION AFTER OCTOBER 7.

6. ATTACHE ACCOMPANIED CHARGE IN VISIT TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE SEPTEMBER 19 (REF C). DEPUTY MINISTER KUZMIN INDICATED SOVIET HARVEST PROSPECTS ARE AS GOOD AS LAST YEAR IN SOME OBLASTS, ARE EXPECTED TO REACH PLAN LEVELS IN OTHERS, AND ARE POOR IN SOME IMPORTANT AREAS. THE INFERENCE SUGGESTS SOMETHING CLOSE TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN LEVEL OF 205.6 FOR 1974. ADDING ALSO THAT THE INTERNAL SUPPLY POSTURE IS REASONABLY GOOD AND THAT THIS COULD CONSIDERABLY REDUCE IMPORT NEEDS.
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